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U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Jnder the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Request **Application Number** 09/836,714 For April 17, 2001 Filing Date Continued Examination (RCE) RECENED **Transmittal** Kunikazu Okada First Named Inventor Address to: OCT 1 3 2004 2174 MS RCE Art Unit Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 B. M. Pesin Examiner Name Technology Certier 2100 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 04970/000J108-US0 Attorney Docket Number This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. 1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114 | Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s). Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked. i. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on Other ii. **Enclosed** Amendment/Reply -Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) 2. Miscellaneous Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required) The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed. 3. Fees The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No.

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